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St Columba's Presbyterian Church Mutare

Faith That Moves Mountains .

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." — Matthew 17:20

Dear beloved members of St. Columbus,

In a world filled with uncertainty, challenges, and seemingly immovable obstacles, Jesus reminds us that even the tiniest seed of faith holds the power to move mountains. Not because of the size of our belief, but because of the greatness of the One we believe in.

God doesn't ask us to have perfect faith—He asks us to trust Him. A mustard seed is small, but when planted, it grows into something mighty. Likewise, when we place our trust in God, even in small ways, He multiplies it. He strengthens us. He moves the mountains we cannot climb alone.

Calendar highlights

Sun 5 Oct	9 am	Communion Service - @Handfull of Rice
10 - 12 Oct		Men's Retreat See Colin or Munya for more information
Sat 18 Oct	10 am	Session Meeting Vumba
Sun 26 Oct		Harvest festival

So today, whatever mountain stands before you, be it fear, doubt, illness, financial strain, or broken relationships, always remember this: God is bigger. And your faith, no matter how small, is enough for Him to work wonders.

Let us be a church that believes boldly, prays expectantly, and walks confidently in the promises of God. Mountains will move. Hearts will heal. Miracles will unfold.

Keep the faith. God is with you.

Amen.

A Word From The Pastors

Dear friends in Christ,

Why does the Word of God say:

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

Here is the reason why the Bible says this to us. When a car goes for a SERVICE the mechanic:

- Drains old oil and fills it with new oil.
- Removes old filters and replaces them with new filters.
- Tightens loose bolts and parts.
- Diagnoses any potential problems that the car may be developing.
- Washes the engine and leaves it spotlessly clean.



Now think about us as believers, when we go to our church SERVICE, God in His infinite wisdom and amazing ways:

- Drains unhelpful attitudes and fills us with an attitude of faith, hope and love.
- Replaces our old relational filters and gives us renewed filters of compassion and relationship.
- Tightens the nuts and bolts of the advantages of praising and worshipping God.
- Washes our sins away as we submit to the read word and the preached word of God.
- Fixes any misfiring that we do with our mouths as we fellowship with others.
- Corrects the headlights of our minds so that we make Godly decisions.
- Diagnoses any spiritual related problems that we may be developing.

No wonder the Bible clearly instructs us to not neglect the habit of meeting together. It is because there is power in meeting together during the church services, Bible study groups, or other ministry events that bring us together. Meeting together has the power to encourage, the power to build, the power to grow, and the power to be united in Christ.

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New horizons

It hurts to know that home is no longer a bus ride away, it hurts to know that there are thousands of miles separating me from everything that has been holding me together and all of a sudden I have to learn to be strong without my 'village'. The moment the pilot announced that, 'ladies and gentlemen, welcome to India', I suddenly felt empty inside, which is quite ironic because new adventures are supposed to pump adrenaline into our hearts.

Then comes that part when I became aware of my surroundings, to realize that it's extremely hot in India but the warmth of the people makes up for it. To realize that I am living in that part of my life that used to be a part of my prayer points for more than twelve years and the best part about all this is I get to experience all this with my brother.

One of the best things about my early days experience here is the food, every bite tells a story of endurance, a story of love and community.

First impressions usually linger in our hearts, and I guess my first impression of India is the lovely reminder that someday, I will go back home.



Ashley





VOICE 1

The voice of the man who we think we are.

VOICE 2

The voice of the man others say you are.

VOICE 3

The voice of the man that you think that other people think that you are.

VOICE 4

The voice of the man you were.

VOICE 5

The voice of the man that God says you are.

So men I've listened to each of these 5 voices all men hear it's a fact we all hear them. Which voice do you hear, which voice do you struggle with, which voice have you conquered, and which voice is the most important one to.

*Follow Vince Miller on YouTube for clarification on each voice it will surprise you.

Be Blessed, Colin

Boys' brigade camp held in the Bvumba from the 28th – 31st August 2025



As Captain of 1st Mutare I Fiona Botes accommodated 9 Officers and 1 boy from Zambia, our church kindly offered to host them in the church hall until the date of camp arrived. I organized food for their lunch and breakfast,

I felt it was the right thing to do as I am the only running company in Mutare at this current time. On the Wednesday afternoon we took a walk up Christmas pass and finished off walking through town.

When Thursday arrived the Zambians met most of the 1st Mutare Boys' who were attending camp being held in the Bvumba at Chinziwa the home of the Scouts.



A friend to first Mutare offered to come cook for us at the camp

leaving more time for the officers to be more involved with the lessons and teachings from the chaplain of Mt Darwin and 1st Mutare and guests from the PCCS Physiological Care and Counselling Services who came to give a talk on Drug and Substance Abuse.





Lessons on first aid were conducted by Zambian officer Sir Ernest Sikasoto, health and safety tips by Zimbabwean officer Sir Joseph Dube, Basic officer Training from Zambian Officer Sir Cariso Mulenga.

The Saturday afternoon saw most of the officers take all of the of the Boys' on a hike up the Bvumba, a bonfire was held in the evening with the campers being put into 2 groups to perform some items from traditional dances, a song, a skit (play) and an interview or news report.



On the Sunday camp T-shirt and certificates were given out and once our transport arrived we departed camp. A great time was had by all. We had 14 companies represented with 6 companies of Boys'



being 15 officers and 12 Boys' in attendance, during the course of the weekend most of the campers went on morning exercise. And to top it off 2 Boys' from 1st Mutare named Devlin Mususa and Marckmillan Chatara were given prizes Devlin for being prompt when the whistle was blown and Marckmillan for being brave walking 25 kms including morning exercise, 1st Mutare were praised for their discipline and being the biggest company on camp.



Report compiled by Captain Fiona Botes of 1st Mutare Company





Our Annual Jamboree

It was a lovely busy and fun day.

So many people rented tables and sold all sort of things.

There were hot dogs and ice cream and lots of sweets and cakes and the men arranged a braai.

We sold second hand clothes and many pre loved household items.

There was music and entertainment and a big dancing teddy bear.

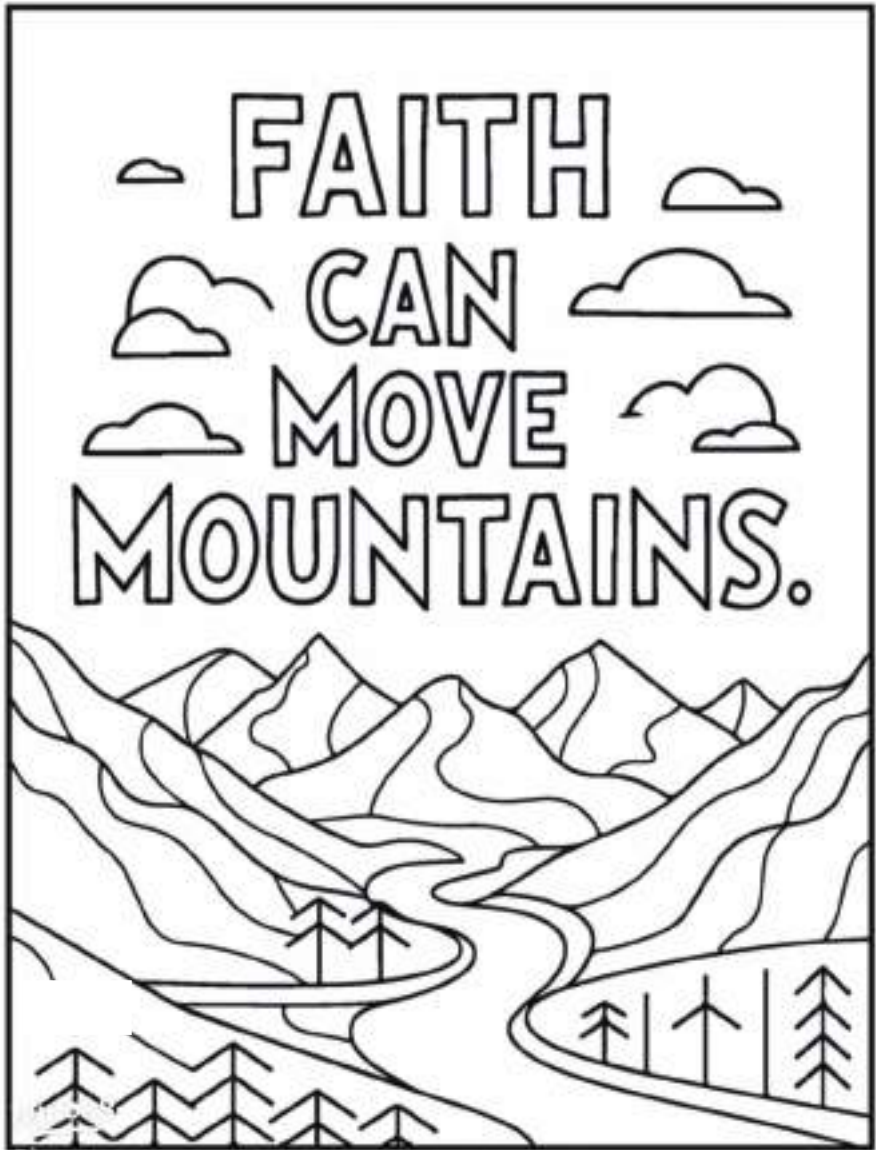
The children loved the jumping castle.

All in all a great day for the whole family.



We thank all especially Jean Brandt for making this day a great success.





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SERVICES: Sunday Service 9 am
Communion Service and ‘Handful of Rice’ - 1st Sunday of the month
Kids Church - Sunday 9 am

BIBLE STUDIES:

<i>Ladies Bible Study</i>	Mon 10-11am, Jenny Paterson, Cntct Wietske Mushonga or Jenny
<i>Homegroup men&women Bible Study</i>	Mon 5.30-6.30pm, Liffy Gorton, Contact Gavin&Sue Young
<i>Alpha Course</i>	Tue 2-3pm, Liffy Gorton
<i>Homegroup</i>	Tue 6pm, Simon & Katie Bowen
<i>Homegroup men&women</i>	Wed 6.30pm, Mark and Jenny Paterson
<i>Ladies Bible Study</i>	Wed 6-7pm, Albert Masvongo and Colin Brandt
	Every 2nd Thu, 10-12am, Marie Sacconi

CHURCH MINISTRIES:

- **CALLED 2 CARE (Skills Training Outreach)** Every Wed and Thu cntct Rev Lydia
- **GILLS (Growing In Love Ladies)** Last Sat of the Month 9am cntct Jean Brandt
- **FELLOWSHIP OF WOMEN** Every 2nd Sun after Church cntct Esther Mususa
- **MEN’S MINISTRY** Every Sat, 7am - Colin Brandt
- **BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADES** Every Sat at the church, 2pm - Fiona Botes
- **YOUTH MINISTRY** Every Sat, at the church, 2pm - Munya Kamunda
- **MUSIC MINISTRY** Every Fri 4.30pm cntct Josphat Mususa
- **YOUNG ADULTS** Monthly, cntct Kuda Musanu & Simba Mangore
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